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## Draft report

### Addendum

## IX. Future role and method of work of the Committee (continued)

*Holding a fourth United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space*

1. The Subcommittee noted the proposal by Morocco and Italy and co-sponsored by Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechia, France, Latvia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom containing further information on a fourth United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE IV), contained in a conference room paper (A/AC.105/C.1/2025/CRP.4/Rev.2).
2. The Subcommittee, bearing in mind the deliberations at the commencement of the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, which reaffirmed the importance of the widest possible adherence to and full compliance with the Outer Space Treaty, as well as the Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries of 1996, emphasized that UNISPACE IV would provide a timely opportunity to recognize the vital contribution of space technology, data and services for socioeconomic development, particularly for developing countries, and the role of the Committee in strengthening the global governance of outer space activities. The Subcommittee further emphasized that 2027 would mark the milestones of the sixtieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Outer Space Treaty and the seventieth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which was the primary forum for international cooperation on outer space activities.
3. The Subcommittee recommended, for consideration by the Committee, that UNISPACE IV be held in 2027. The Subcommittee noted that further consultations on the objectives, venue, organization and funding of UNISPACE IV should be held at the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee and at the sixty-eighth session of the Committee under their respective agenda items entitled “Future role and method of work of the Committee”, during which they could consider any ideas and proposals submitted by delegations.



4. The Subcommittee further requested the secretariat to prepare, in advance of the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee, a report on the possible organizational arrangements, funding (including how existing resources could be used for UNISPACE IV) and the logistical implications of holding such a conference, which should include an analysis of UNISPACE III and UNISPACE+50, as well as an analysis of the various combinations of duration, scope and venue for UNISPACE IV.
5. Some delegations noted that holding UNISPACE IV in 2027 could give impetus to the ongoing consideration in the Committee and its subcommittees of a number of pertinent matters related to space activities, such as space debris, space traffic and space resources, as well as building upon action 56 of the Pact for the Future.
6. Some delegations noted the importance of the midterm review of progress made in implementing the “Space2030” Agenda, which could provide important input for UNISPACE IV with a view to strengthening capacity-building, particularly for developing countries.
7. Some delegations expressed the view that UNISPACE IV would come at a crucial moment, as the global space landscape had been significantly transformed over the past 25 years, and noted that the rise of new space actors, particularly from developing countries, underscored the need for a more inclusive approach to space governance and cooperation. Those delegations were of the view that UNISPACE IV could be an opportunity for facilitating dedicated support, capacity-building initiatives and, where appropriate, the transfer of technology to foster equitable access to space resources, as well as enabling the full participation of Africa in the space sector.
8. Some delegations expressed the view that UNISPACE IV should deliver concrete outcomes that would contribute to reinforcing the primary role of the Committee in advancing peaceful uses and global governance of outer space activities.
9. The view was expressed that States members of the Committee should be able to agree on organizational modalities and the financing of UNISPACE IV in advance of the sixty-eighth session of the Committee so that the Committee could take an informed decision on UNISPACE IV.

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